



Opening of the FETAVETA 50+ soccer tournament

Chito Jansen, President of the Federashon de Futbol Veterano Aruba, or FETAVETA, was joined by league Secretary Franklin Fingal and Treasurer Johnny Tromp in announcing the opening of the 50+ soccer season for 2005 at the Balashi Beer Gardens on Thursday afternoon. Balshi and Tropical Bottling, distributors of Coca-Cola and the new Sprit Aruba Jam are the official sponsors of the games.

The opening game will take place this Saturday afternoon, June 11 at the National Field in Noord, next to the Coconut Inn. The first game will begin at 5:00 p.m with the Nacional Team versus Teachers.

Ten teams will be competing every Saturday and Wednesday evening for the next twelve weeks, and the last games will be on August 27. During the halftime of the opening game there will be an awards ceremony dedicating this year's tournament to three noted veteran soccer players who have devoted a great deal of time and effort in encouraging Aruba's youth to participate in the sport, and to making the games a family event. Fichi van der Biezen of the Teachers league, Eddy Pourier of the Nacional league and Richi Jansen of the SCA will be the recipients of plaques of appreciation.

League officers wish all participating teams the best of luck, and encourage all their families to come and cheer them on during the soccer season.